Claims

I claim:

1. A method of calculating asset cost basis comprising the steps of:

providing an asset, the ownership of which is tracked in a product system;

5   reallocating the ownership of the asset;

categorizing the reallocation of the asset into one of a plurality of categories;

providing a management system for extracting the information on the asset, the reallocating of the ownership of the asset and the categorization of the reallocation of the ownership of the asset from the product system; and

10   automatically calculating the cost basis change of the asset based on the categorization of the reallocation of the ownership of the asset in the management system.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of codifying the categorization of the reallocation of the ownership of the asset prior to automatically calculating the cost

15   basis change of the asset.

3. The method of claim 1 further wherein the product system is an account.

4. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of:

analyzing the information relating to the asset, the reallocation of the ownership of the asset, and the categorization of the reallocation of the ownership of the asset to

20   automatically calculate the cost basis change of the asset.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

automatically calculating the cost basis change for the asset based on the information extracted by the management tool.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

      providing a portfolio having a plurality of assets distributed in one or a plurality of product systems;

      reallocating the ownership of a plurality of the assets;

      categorizing the reason for the reallocation of the ownership of each of the assets; and

      automatically calculating the cost basis change of each of the assets based on the categorization of the reason for the reallocation of the ownership of the asset in the management system.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the reallocation of each asset is categorized by the reason for the reallocation.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

      preparing a report relating to the cost basis change of the asset based on the categorization of the change in the ownership of the asset.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

      reconciling the cost basis change of the asset to the product system; and

      preparing a report relating to the cost basis change of the asset.

10. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

      utilizing tax lot information to more accurately determine cost basis change relating to the reallocation of the asset.

11. A system for calculating asset cost basis changes comprising:

      a product system;

an asset wherein the ownership of the asset is reallocated and tracked in the account;

means for extracting information from the account relating to the reallocation of the ownership of the asset via a management system; and

means for calculating the cost basis change of the asset based on the reallocation of the asset.

12. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

means for categorizing the reallocation of the ownership of the asset.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the categorization of the reallocation of the ownership of the asset relates to the reason for the reallocation of the ownership of the asset.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein the means for categorizing the reallocation of the ownership of the asset categorizes the asset into one of a plurality of categories based on the reason for the reallocation of the ownership of the asset.

15. The system of claim 11 wherein the means for calculating the cost basis change of the asset based on the reallocation of the ownership of the asset automatically calculates the cost basis change of the asset based on the information extracted from the account.

16. The system of claim 11 wherein the information extracted from the account relates to reasons for reallocating the ownership of the asset.

17. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

means for analyzing the information extracted from the account relating to the asset prior to calculating the cost basis change of the asset.

18. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

a portfolio comprising a plurality of assets in the account or a plurality of accounts; and

means for calculating the cost basis change of each of the plurality of assets.

19. The system of claim 18 further comprising:

means for extracting information from the plurality of assets in the account via the management system.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein the means for calculating the cost basis change of each of the plurality of assets is done automatically.